for the welfare of the residents of a new colony in the initial stages;

(b) whether a new society has been formed by some of the allottees in Vasant Kunj, Sector-A without giving any notice to all the allottees liivng there; if so, what is the date of its formation;

(c) whether this society has been registered with the DDA and its managing committee elected under the relevant regulations; if so, what is the date of its registration with the DDA and the names of the members of the managing committee; and

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons thereof and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The guidelines regarding formation and registration of an agency are contained in chapter IV of the DDA ((Management & Disposal of Housing Estates) Regulation 1968, which is a priced publication available at Counter No. 11 'D' Block, Vikas Sadan, DDA on the cash payment of Rs. 3/-.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Secretary of Resident Welfare Association, Vansat Kunj. Sector-A has applied for getting the society registered with DDA. DDA has asked him to furnish the essential documents vide their letter dated 9.2.88. But no response has been received from the Secretary of the Residents Welfare Association. The Society would be given a registration certificate only when the documents are received. DDA checks up from the documents that the society represents almost all the allottees and only then issues registration certificate.

(c) No, Sir. The Society has not been registered so far by DDA.

(d) The society has not been registered because it has not produced documents asked by the DDA.

Tourist arrivals in India

2101. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist arrivals in India during the year 1987;

(b) whether the National Committee on Tourism set up in July, 1986 has since submitted its report; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during 1987 were 14,84,290 including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) The report of the National Committee on Tourism is expected to be submitted by the end of May, 1988. The Committee had to collect inputs from several agencies including State Governments and commission a number of studies on various aspects of the tourism industry before finalising their recommendations.

Use of biotechnology for boosting agriculture production

2102. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Biotechnology holds great promise for improving agriculture; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to use Biotechnology in the field of Agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recognising its potential, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has set up Biotechnology Centres relating to (i) Crop improvement at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, (ii) Improvement of animal production at the National Dairy Research Institute; (iii) applications of Biotechnology for animal health care at the Indian Veterinary Research Institute and (iv) germplasm conservation and exchange at the National Bureaus of Plant and of animal genetic resources.

The Department of Biotechnology has also taken major steps for (i) Development of trained manpower, (ii) establishment of infrastructure facilities to provide support systems and (iii) encouraging private industry in the area of biotechnology specifical in commercial tissue culture production of plants and production of hybrid seeds.

Encouragement for growing lentils

2103. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state What steps are being taken to encourage the Indian farmers to grow indigenouslentil which is rich in protein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): The following steps are being taken to encourage the farmers to grow lentil:-

(1) Distribution of certified seeds of improved varieties at a reasonable price.

(2) Seed treatment with rhizobium culture.

(3) Application of fertilizers.

(4) Adoption of need based plant protection measures.

(5) Irrigation at critical stages.

(6) Farmers are also encouraged to grow lentil crop in rice fallows in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

बच्चों के लिये दूरदर्शन धारावाहिक

2104. **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान दूरदर्शन पर बच्चों के मतलब के कितने धारावाहिक दिखाये गए, इनके नाम क्या हैं और ये कितनी-कितनी अवधि के थे ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि धारावाहिक हिन्दी की तुलना में अंग्रेजी में अधिक थे जब कि अधिकांश बच्चे हिन्दी प्रेमी तथा हिन्दी भाषी हैं ;

(ग) क्या दूरदर्शन ने इस बात की पुष्टि करने के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण करवाया है कि "होनी-अनहोनी" जैसे धारावाहिक का बच्चों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(घ) क्या दूरदर्शन भविष्य में बच्चों के लिए मनोरंजन और ज्ञानवर्द्धक कार्यक्रम/धारावाहिक प्रसारित करने का विचार रखता है ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एच० के० एल० भगत) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दूरदर्शन द्वारा बच्चों के लिए हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी में 21 धारावाहिक टेलीकास्ट किये गये जिनमें से प्रत्येक 25 मिनट तक की अवधि के थे। उनके नाम संलग्न विवरण में दिये गये हैं।

(ख) जी, नहीं।